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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Lisa Hahn  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers

**FROM:** Erin L. Barrett  
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**DATE:** February 23, 2015

**SUBJECT:** *Regulations of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers*  
18VAC65-20-10 *et seq.*

I have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Regulations of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, 18VAC65-20-10 *et seq.* The proposed amendment allows a crematory to use newer, more efficient technology by allowing cremation in units with multiple retorts provided the remains and ashes of individuals are kept separate. The Board has the statutory authority to amend this regulation under Virginia Code § 54.1-2400. The proposed amendment is constitutional and does not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.